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ALL AUDIENCES IRAN DELIGHTED QUINTET CONCERTS. WARMEST AUDIENCE
RESPONSE WITH APPLAUSE SOMETIMES STOPPING SHOW. ATTENDEES
REPRESENTED GOOD CROSS SECTION OFFICIAL, CULTURAL AND STUDENT
COMMUNITIES. ATTENDANCE RANGED FROM FULL HOUSES TO SRO. GROUP
EQUALLY GOOD AT REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES. EXAMPLE WARM
RAPPORT ABLE ESTABLISH IS AT POST CONCERT BUFFET IN SHIRAZ,
MILLY BROWN CHARMED WIFE OF UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR GHORBAN
AND WHEN ADMIRING NEW PARIS GOWN MRS. GHORBAN WEARING, MRS. GHORBAN
EXCUSED HERSELF, BORROWED A BATH ROBE FROM THE HOSTESS, CHANGED
AND PRESENTED GOWN TO MILLIE AND CONTINUED PARTY IN ROBE.
IN TEHRAN, TWO CONCERTS HELD AT 600 SEAT CITY THEATRE WITH BOTH
VIDEOTAPED FOR LATER TELECAST BY NIRT.V. CARTER, BERGER, LOCAL
MUSIC-CRITIC-TV SHOW HOST, TV REPORTER VIDEO TAPED 30-MINUTE
DISCUSSION ON JAZZ TO USE AS INTRODUCTION TO THE TWO TV PROGRAMS.
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ISFAHAN INVITATIONAL CONCERT SPONSORED BY IRAN AMERICA SOCIETY

WITH COOPERATION OF RED LION AND SUN ASSOCIATION IN 500-SEAT ATTRACTIVE RED LION HALL. PARTS OF CONCERT VIDEOTAPED AND CARTER, MILLY BROWN, UNIVERSITY MUSIC DIRECTOR AND TV REPORTER MADE SHORT TV INTERVIEW TO USE WITH TELECAST. SHIRAZ IAS CO-SPONSORED INVITATIONAL CONCERT WITH SHIRAZ PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY AT NEW 500-SEAT HALL AT PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY. BOTH CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR ATTENDED. AGAIN FULL TV COVERAGE WITH INTERVIEW WITH CARTER MADE TO USE AS INTRODUCTION FOR TV SHOWING, AND FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH TV NEWS. TV MONITOR SET UP IN LOBBY HALL TO HANDLE OVERFLOW CROWD. SECOND HALF OF CONCERT BROADCAST LIVE RADIO FOR FARS PROVINCE. ALL ARE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND CARTER ADJUSTS PROGRAM TO AUDIENCE REACTION. HE AND GROUP CONTINUE WIN AUDIENCE DURING FIRST NUMBER AND FROM THEN SHOW BUILDS. CARTER AND OTHER MEMBERS EXCELLENT EVERY RESPECT. FREQUENT TRAVEL, EARLY MORNING DEPARTURES, SEVERAL BOUTS DYSENTERY, AND COLDS WEARING ON GROUP, BUT NOT YET TO POINT OF AFFECTING PERFORMANCES. AT MOMENT ALL ARE WELL AND FREE DAY IN SHIRAZ HAS HELPED THEM RECUPERATE. QUINTET AT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH GIVEN BY IAS DIRECTOR TEHRAN AND AT POST CONCERT BUFFETS HOSTED BY IAS DIRECTORS ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ MET MANY IRANIAN MUSIC LOVERS, OFFICIALS, ETC. ARE GOOD REPRESENTATIVES, MIX WELL, ARE WARM AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE. HELMS

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